

**DECISION ON THE REPORT OF MEMBER STATES' EXPERTS CONSULTATIONS  
ON THE THEME OF THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY AU ASSEMBLY "TOWARDS  
GREATER UNITY AND INTEGRATION THROUGH SHARED VALUES"  
Doc. EX.CL/619 (XVIII)**

**The Executive Council,**

1. **RECALLS** the Decision EX.CL/Dec.525(XVI) adopted by the Sixteenth Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and endorsed by the Fourteenth Ordinary Session of the Assembly in February 2010, on the theme of the January/February 2011 Summit which shall be devoted to the Shared Values in Africa, in particular, the putting in place of a Pan-African Architecture on governance;
2. **TAKES NOTE** of the Member States Experts Report and **COMMENDS** the African Union Commission for arranging the Meeting, the prior consultations with Civil Society, the Youth and Gender Communities, as well as the High-Level Seminar on the Summit Theme;
3. **ENDORSES** the strengthening of the African Governance Architecture, through the launch of the Governance Platform as an informal and non-decision making mechanism to: foster exchange of information; facilitate the elaboration of common positions on governance; strengthen the capacity of Africa to speak with one voice;
4. **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake periodic reviews and coordinate the monitoring of compliance to AU instruments on Shared Values;
5. **REQUESTS** the African Union Commission to ensure greater synergy and coherence between African Governance Architecture and the Peace and Security Architecture;
6. **URGES** all Member States to display in public, symbols of the Union and to incorporate in their national curriculum, the Shared Values and the history of the Union; and **ENCOURAGE** student exchange;
7. **DECLARES** 2012 as the year of Shared Values in Africa;
8. **ENDORSES** the Draft Declaration on the Summit Theme and **DECIDES** that it will be submitted to the Assembly for consideration and adoption.

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